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Emerald Ash Borer in Macomb County

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI – 02/18/03 – MSU Extension (MSUE) Specialists identified the Emerald Ash Borer in southeastern Michigan and the Windsor, Ontario area in the summer of 2002. This devastating pest of ash trees (*Fraxinus* species), is found nowhere else in North America to date and has been responsible for the death of thousands of trees and threatens millions more in the State and Nation. The Michigan Department of Agriculture has established a quarantine area involving six Southeast Michigan counties – Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Research is underway to develop a management strategy and determine an effective treatment. MSUE is working closely with the U.S. Forest Service, Michigan Department of Agriculture and United States Department of Agriculture. The ultimate goal is to eradicate this exotic Asian insect.

To learn more about this pest please visit MSUE regional plant pathologist Dr. Dave Roberts' website at: www.msue.msu.edu/reg_se/roberts/ash or contact the Macomb MSU Extension at 586-469-5063. Macomb MSUE can offer more information on how to identify Emerald Ash Borer symptoms and monitor threatened trees.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSUE community programs including Children-Youth-Family, Agriculture and Natural Resources or Community and Economic Development, please call 586-469-5180, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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